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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT : THOMAS PATRICK RYAN  
TITLE : **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SEALING AND CUTTING TISSUE**  
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**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of this continuation application, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Please add the enclosed Fig. 17 to the drawings of record.